

MISSISSIPPI

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

EDDIE M. SMITH

In recognizing the work, leadership and contributions of Dr. Eddie M. Smith, the members and staff of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges deem it fitting and proper to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions made by Dr. Eddie M. Smith through service rendered to Mississippi's public community and junior colleges. It is, therefore, in that spirit that the following resolution is presented.

Whereas, Dr. Eddie Smith has served as President of East Central Community College for fifteen years, and

Whereas, through his vision and leadership, Dr. Smith guided the college's recruitment process to the point that East Central Community College has been the fastest growing community college for the past fifteen years with its enrollment growing from 1,093 in the fall of 1984 to 6,173 in the fall of 2000, and

Whereas, Dr. Smith planned and managed the college's budget so effectively and efficiently during his tenure as President that the college improved its already sound fiscal management position, and

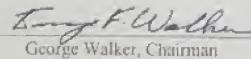
Whereas, Dr. Smith encouraged and motivated the faculty to improve the academic performance of all students who seek to improve themselves while pursuing their educational goals at East Central Community College, and

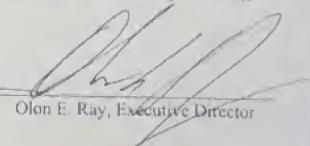
Whereas, while serving as President, Dr. Smith served the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Presidents in numerous special and unique roles, he emerged with distinction as the chief grammarian and philologist, and

Whereas, Dr. Eddie Smith, his presence and services, will be greatly missed by both the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the staff.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the staff express sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Eddie M. Smith for his service and contributions to East Central Community College and the State of Mississippi.

Presented on May 6, 2000


George Walker, Chairman


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